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...SPECIFICALLY, THIS CHARM YOU GAVE ME/IT CHECKED ME INTO BONEYARD'S DIMENSION-- BUT I COULDN'T CHECK OUT!*

I THOUGHT WE HAD A DEAL, STRAUSS!

WE DID, MANTRA! WE DO/ I MEAN...

*LAST ISSUE - MWB



TOO LATE! I CAN'T PENETRATE HIS SHIELD, WARSTRIKE!

NO PROBLEM, BLUE-EYES! HE MAY BE IN THERE...



...BUT HIS MYSTIC PAWN SHOP IS OUT HERE! ARE YOU GONNA COME OUT, STRAUSS?

NO.



THAT'S ONE!

STOP--!

STRAUSS IS RIGHT. YOU'RE BUYING A LOT OF TROUBLE YOU CAN'T PAY FOR, WARSTRIKE!



I SUPPOSE YOU'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA?

ALWAYS.

HOLD MY SWORD.



THAT SHIELD KEEPS US OUT, BUT LETS LIGHT AND AIR ENTER...

WHAT ARE YOU--?



THMP THMP

...I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO BREAK IT, BUT I CAN MAKE IT STRONGER -- STRONG ENOUGH TO KEEP LIGHT AND AIR OUT, AS WELL.

I GET IT!

STOP THIS! STOP, OR I'LL...



AIR! AIR!!

MAGIC IS ALL A MATTER OF DEGREES.

MY SWORD...?



ONE LAST TIME, STRAUSS! IF YOU DOUBLE-CROSS ME OR MY FRIENDS AGAIN--

YOU'LL KILL ME?



NO... BUT YOU'LL WISH I HAD!

'BYE BYE, MAGIC-BOY!





CRAZY BROAD...!
MUST BE THAT
TIME OF THE MONTH
FOR HER...!

IT WASN'T--YET. BUT THAT WAS
ANOTHER GOOD REASON FOR
ME TO GET OUT OF EDEN
BLAKE'S BODY AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.



BUT THE ONLY
WAY TO DO
THAT--TO BECOME
A MAN, AS I'D
BEEN FOR 15
CENTURIES...



...WAS TO BECOME
A TOP-NOTCH SOR-
CERESS AND FREE
MY MENTOR, ARCHI-
MAGE, FROM THE
EVIL WIZARD
BONEYARD.

THE SOONER
THAT DAY
CAME, THE
BETTER.

THERE/
AT LAST
I SEE
HER...!



...THE SHE-SORCERER
CALLED MANTRA, SHE WHO
DARES TO STAND AGAINST MY
MASTER, BONEYARD! TO
DESTROY HER WILL EARN
ME FAVOR IN BONEYARD'S
EYES...!



I THOUGHT THERE
WAS... SOMETHING
THERE. I GUESS
NOT.

FFFFT

NO--!



MY POWER IS TOO DISSIPATED!

I MUST FIND ANOTHER FORM TO INHABIT... AND SOON!

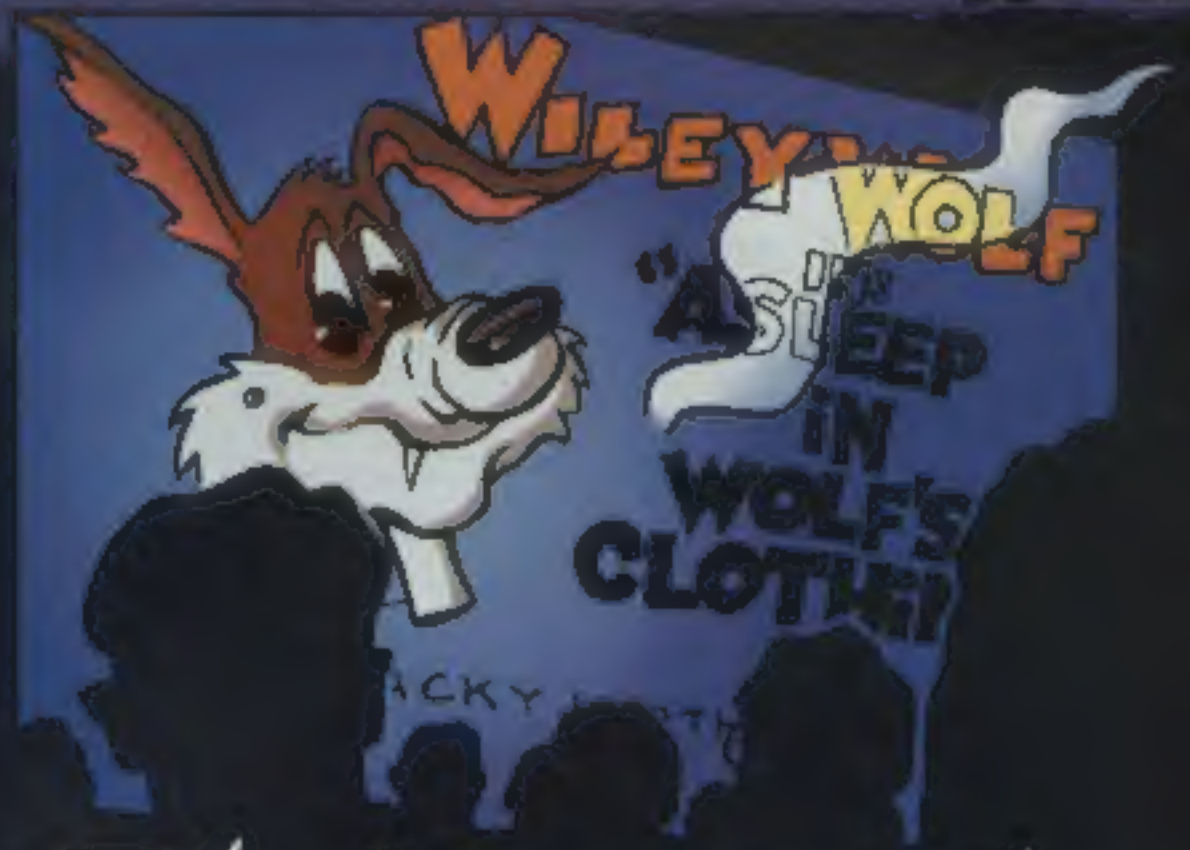
I MUST NOT DIE WITHOUT REPEATING FIRST MANTRA...

GET GOOD SEATS, HONEY!

HONESTLY! THEY'RE JUST CARTOONS!

...THEN AVENGING MYSELF AGAINST THE HUMAN CALLED PRIME! #

*AS SEEN IN PRIME #5435 - M.W.B.



THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST, IT--

--WHAT'S THAT?

I THINK IT'S 'SMOKE' IS THE THEATER--?



LOOK OUT--!

THIS FORM IS NO MORE WORTHY OF ME THAN MY FIRST... BUT PERHAPS IT IS ALL I DESERVE AFTER MY DEFEAT!

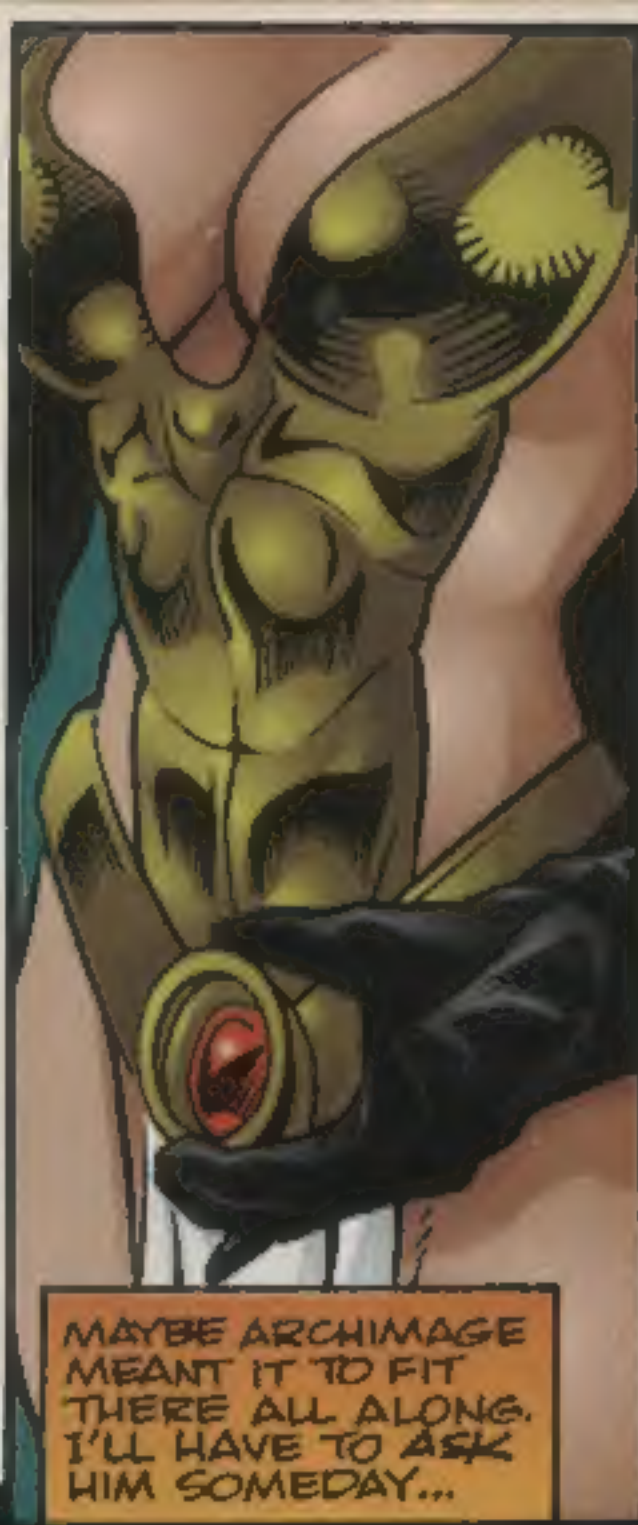
MASTER BONEYARD WILL GIVE ME A PROPER BODY-- WHEN I PROVE WORTHY!

AAAHH!





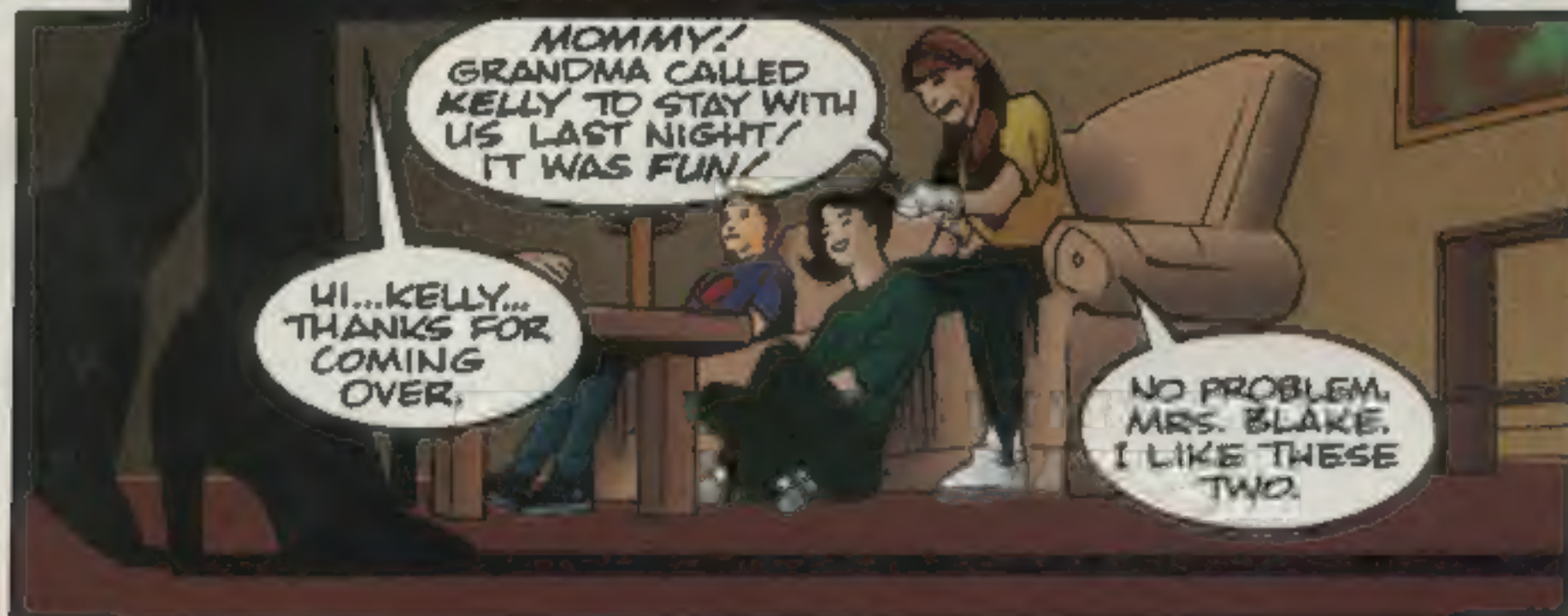
I GUESS I CAN.
THAT SOLVES
ANOTHER
PROBLEM...



MAYBE ARCHIMAGE
MEANT IT TO FIT
THERE ALL ALONG.
I'LL HAVE TO ASK
HIM SOMEDAY...



...OVER A DRINK IN A
CLUB THAT ADMITS
MEN ONLY.



MOMMY!
GRANDMA CALLED
KELLY TO STAY WITH
US LAST NIGHT!
IT WAS FUN!

HI...KELLY...
THANKS FOR
COMING
OVER,

NO PROBLEM,
MRS. BLAKE.
I LIKE THESE
TWO.



AND GUS
LIKES KELLY!
MRFF!!

WILL
THIS COVER
IT?

DO
NOT,
EVIE!

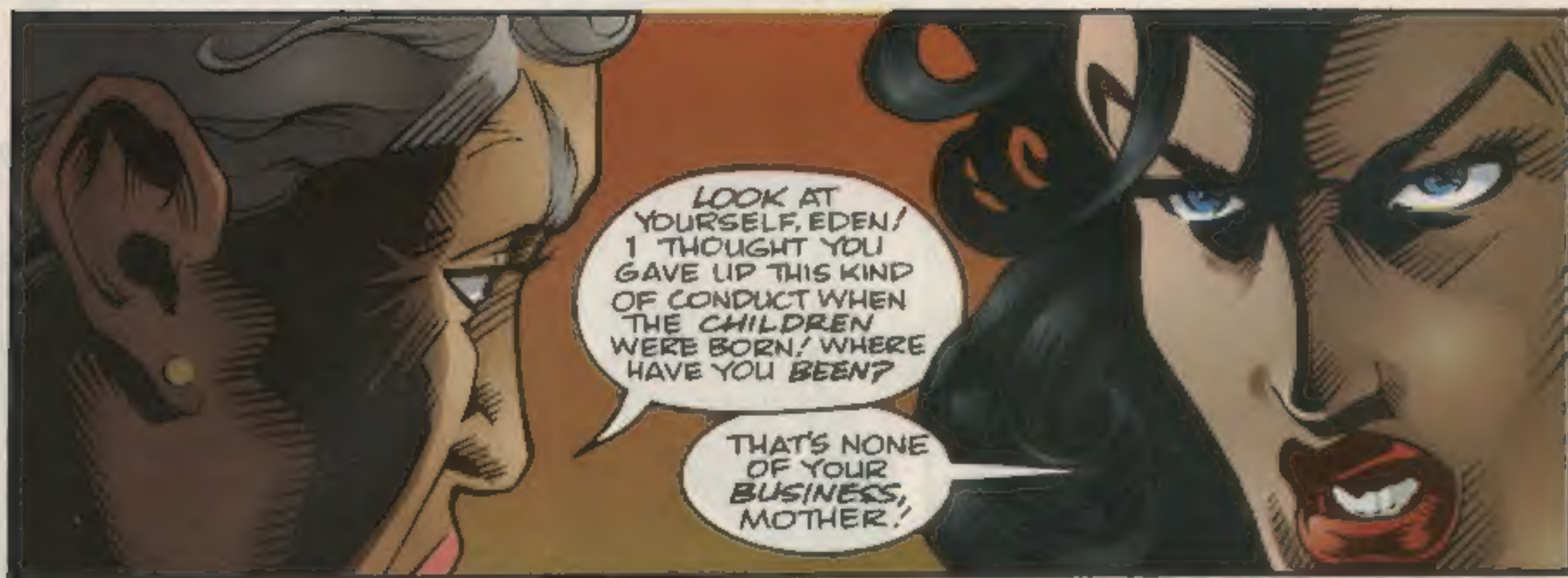
WOW, YES,
MRS. BLAKE!
THANKS!



WELL, HERE YOU ARE!
KELLY, WAIT OUTSIDE,
I'LL GIVE YOU A RIDE
TO SCHOOL

OKAY,
MRS.
FREEMAN.

GOOD
MORNING...
MOTHER.
THANKS FOR
CALLING THE
BABYSITTER.

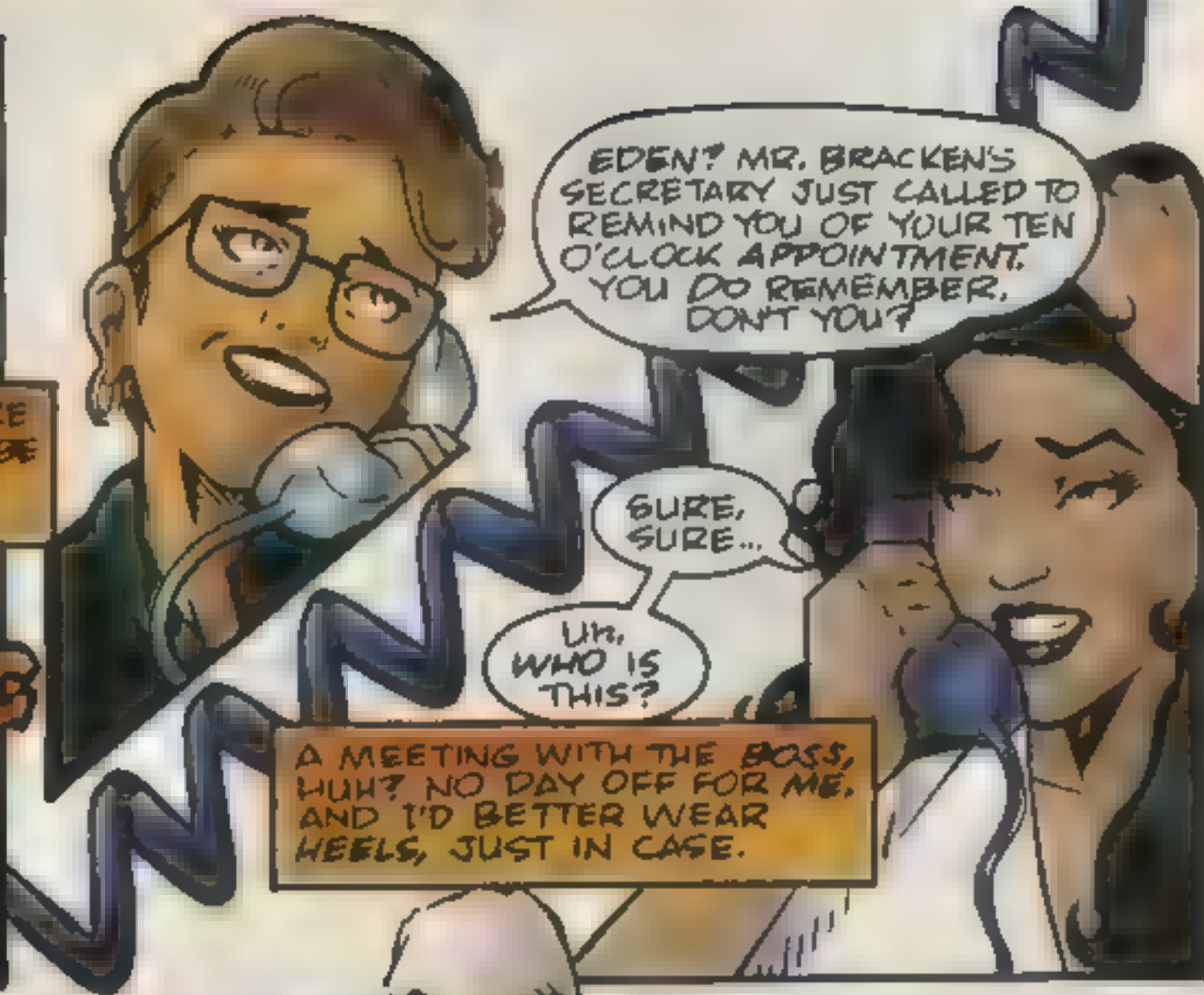




WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOUR DAUGHTER, MRS FREEMAN? JUST THE SOUL OF A MAN WHO WOULD MUCH RATHER HAVE MADE HER ACQUAINTANCE FROM THE OUTSIDE!

I FEEL LIKE HELL, MAYBE I'LL CALL IN SICK--

BRING



EDEN? MR. BRACKEN'S SECRETARY JUST CALLED TO REMIND YOU OF YOUR TEN O'CLOCK APPOINTMENT. YOU DO REMEMBER, DON'T YOU?

SURE, SURE...

UH, WHO IS THIS?

A MEETING WITH THE BOSS, HUH? NO DAY OFF FOR ME, AND I'D BETTER WEAR HEELS, JUST IN CASE.



GOOD MORNING, EDEN. LOOKING LOVELY, AS USUAL. HAVE A SEAT. LAST WEEK, YOU PROMISED ME AN ANSWER TO MY OFFER TODAY.

THE .. OFFER, MR. BRACKEN?

GOD, HE WANTS EDEN-- ME-- TO BE HIS MISTRESS!



YES, THE OFFER. IT WOULD BE A GREAT CAREER MOVE, EDEN!

YEAH-- HORIZONTALLY!

MR. BRACKEN, I DON'T THINK I CAN--



NONSENSE! YOU'VE PASSED THE SECURITY CHECK WITH FLYING COLORS--YOUR FATHER'S SERVICE RECORD HELPED, OF COURSE-- AND YOU'VE GOT THE BRAINS!

YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU! ALADDIN NEEDS YOU!

ALADDIN?



I TOLD YOU MORE THAN I SHOULD HAVE, BUT YOU'RE RIGHT FOR IT! LOOK AT THESE CLIPPINGS!

OKAY...



THESE ULTRAS ARE SPROUTING UP LIKE WEEDS! THEY'RE ALL OVER!

"MANTRA!" SHE'S ANOTHER! SHE'S BEEN SEEN RIGHT HERE. IN CANOGA PARK! I'LL LAY IT ON THE LINE, EDEN...

PROTOTYPE KILLS ULTRA INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY

"STRANGERS" APPEAR IN S.F.

WHAT'S THIS...?

PLEASE DO.

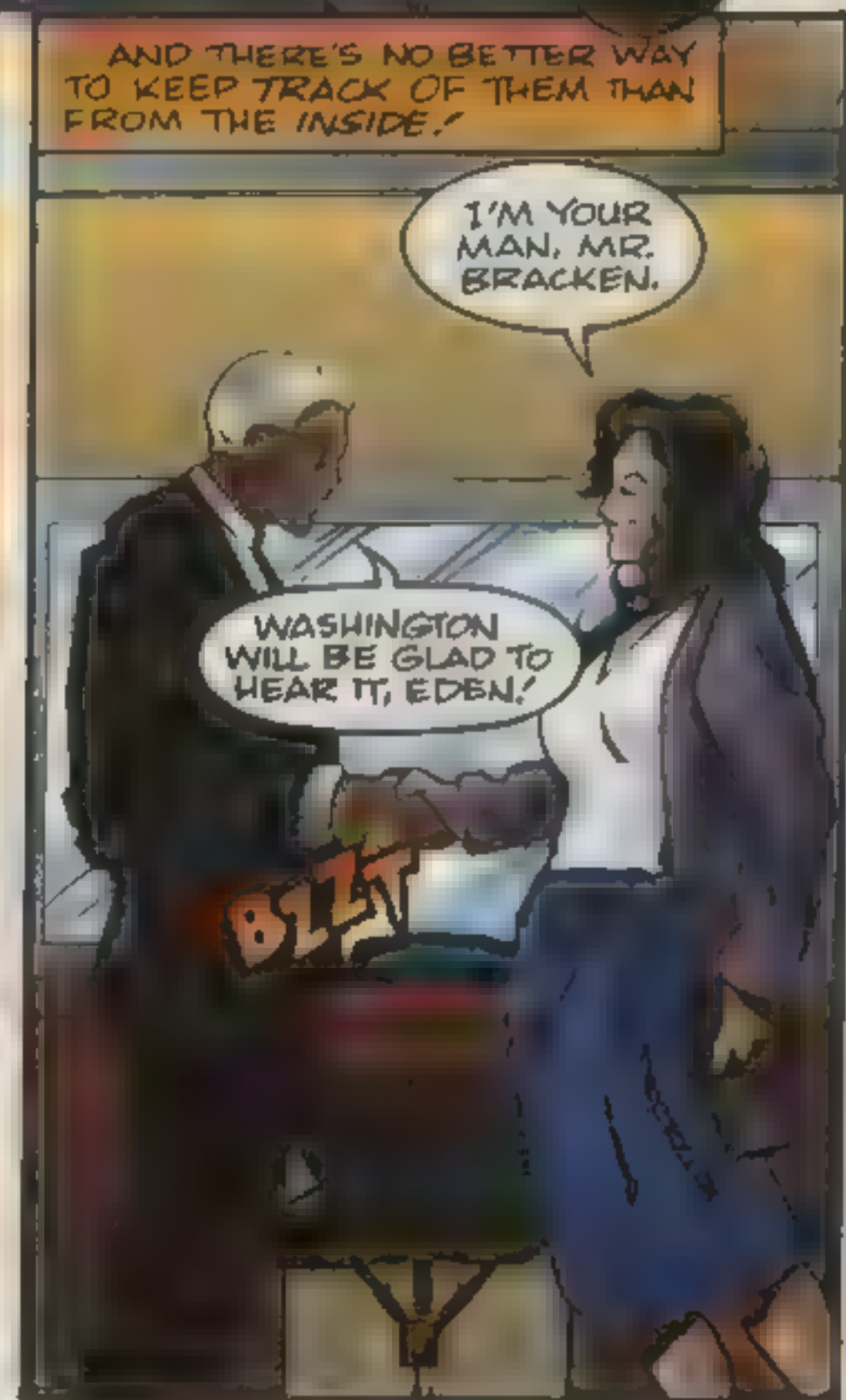
MANTRA! LIGHT FOR EDITION



ALADDIN KNOWS THESE ULTRAS NEED TO BE REGISTERED AND CONTROLLED! IMPRISONED IF NECESSARY! AND I'M SURE YOU AGREE!

GUESS AGAIN, POP! BUT THE LAST THING I NEED IS SOME GOVERNMENT AGENCY AFTER ME..

MANTRA! LIGHT FOR EDITION



AND THERE'S NO BETTER WAY TO KEEP TRACK OF THEM THAN FROM THE INSIDE!

I'M YOUR MAN, MR. BRACKEN.

WASHINGTON WILL BE GLAD TO HEAR IT, EDEN!

BLIT

MR BRACKEN,
THERE'S AN
EMERGENCY CALL
FOR MRS. BLAKE!
SHE CAN TAKE
IT OUT HERE!

GO AHEAD,
EDEN I HOPE
IT'S NOTHING
SERIOUS.

EDEN? IT'S MARLA...
I HATE TO BOTHER YOU AT
WORK, BUT I REALLY
NEED A FRIEND...

WHAT
IS IT,
MARLA?

WITH EDEN'S LIFE WHAT
ELSE COULD IT BE?

IT WAS IMPORTANT,
EVEN I COULDN'T
DENY THAT.

CARL!
OH, GOD,
BABY...

SORRY,
MA'AM, BUT
WE DO NEED TO
HAVE THE BODY
IDENTIFIED...

CARL, THE LAST
BODY I INHABITED
BEFORE EDEN *
THE LAST MAN
I'D BEEN.

SOMETIMES I WAS
AFRAID IT WAS THE
LAST MAN I'D
EVER BE...

* MANTRA * ... MMB

NO I COULDN'T ALLOW MYSELF TO THINK
THAT. I HAD TO CARRY ON THE WAR.

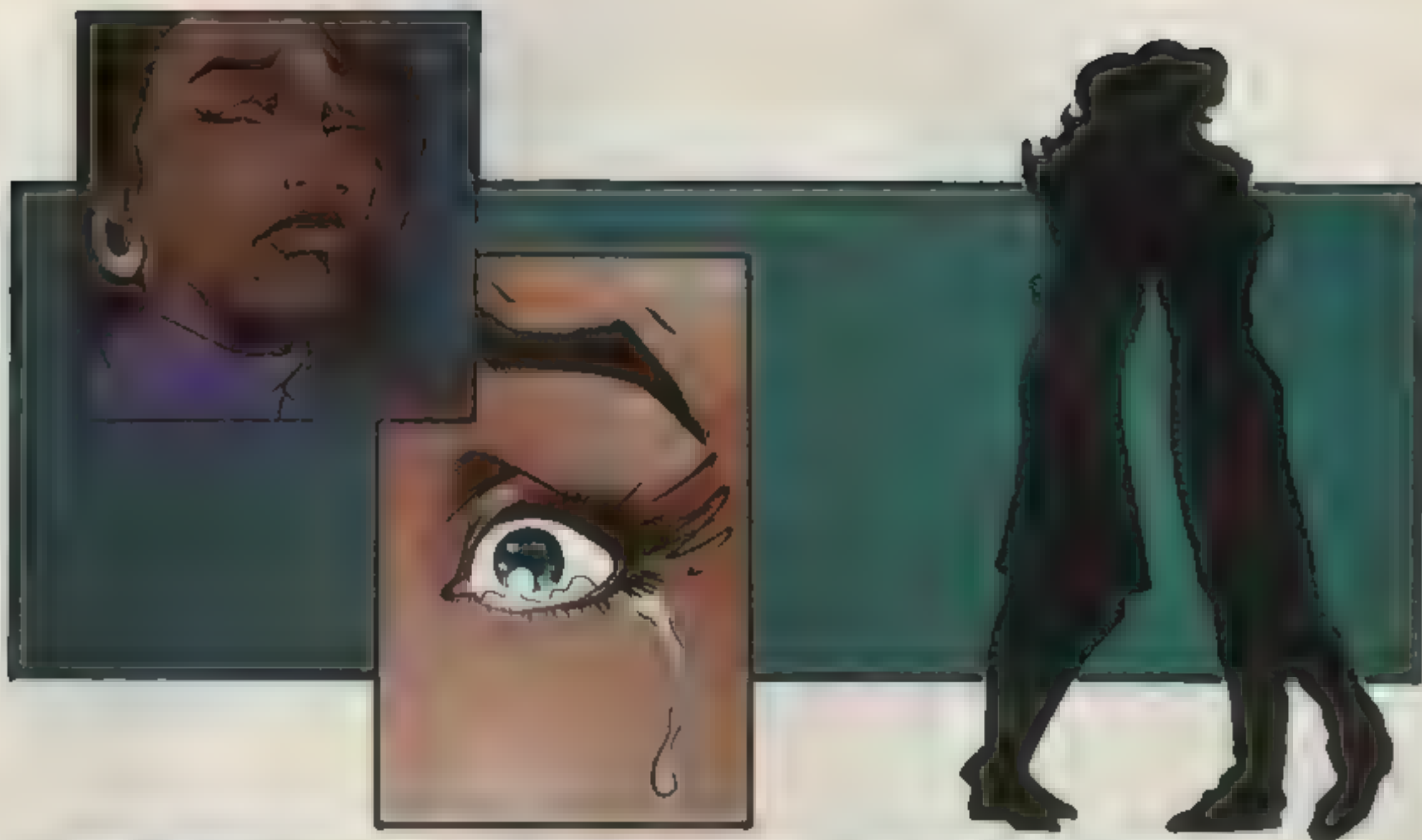
THERE WAS NO
IDENTIFICATION
ON THE BODY?

NO, MA'AM,
WE FINALLY
FOUND MRS.
WOODS BY
TRACING THE
WEDDING
RING.

THAT WAS A BREAK,
AT LEAST BONEYARD'S
FORCES COULDN'T
FIND ME BY--

EDEN?

YES,
MAR--?



BRENT?

3 SNEE
WHAT...?



WHEN
DID...? HOW
LONG HAS
HE...?

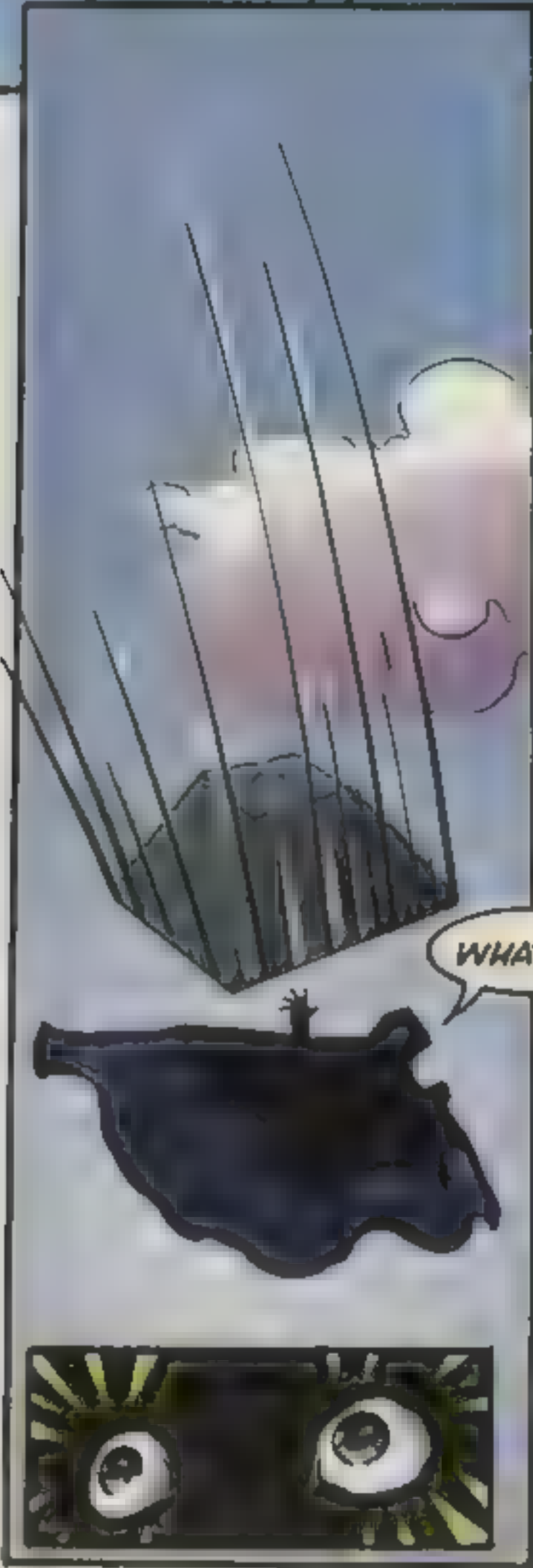
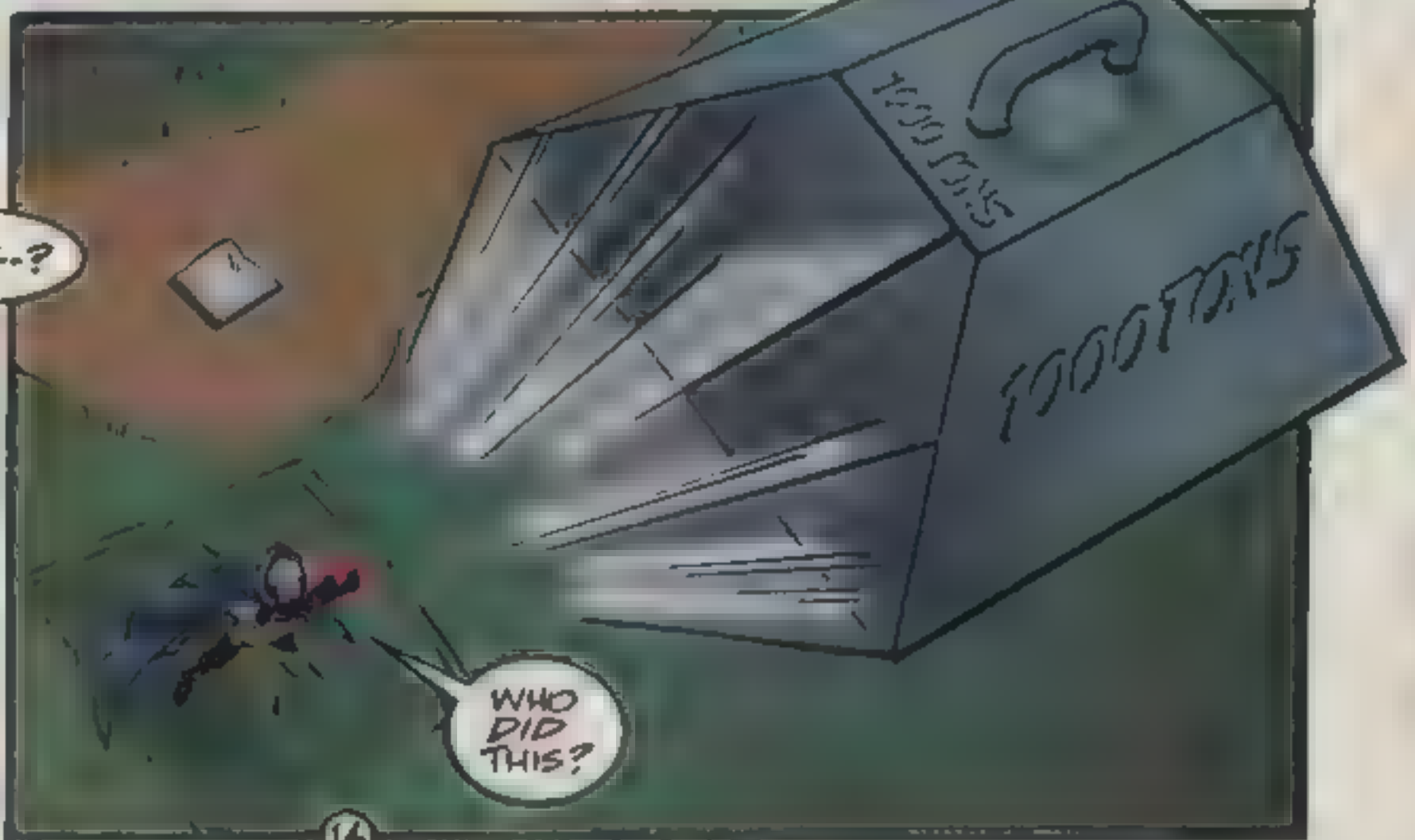
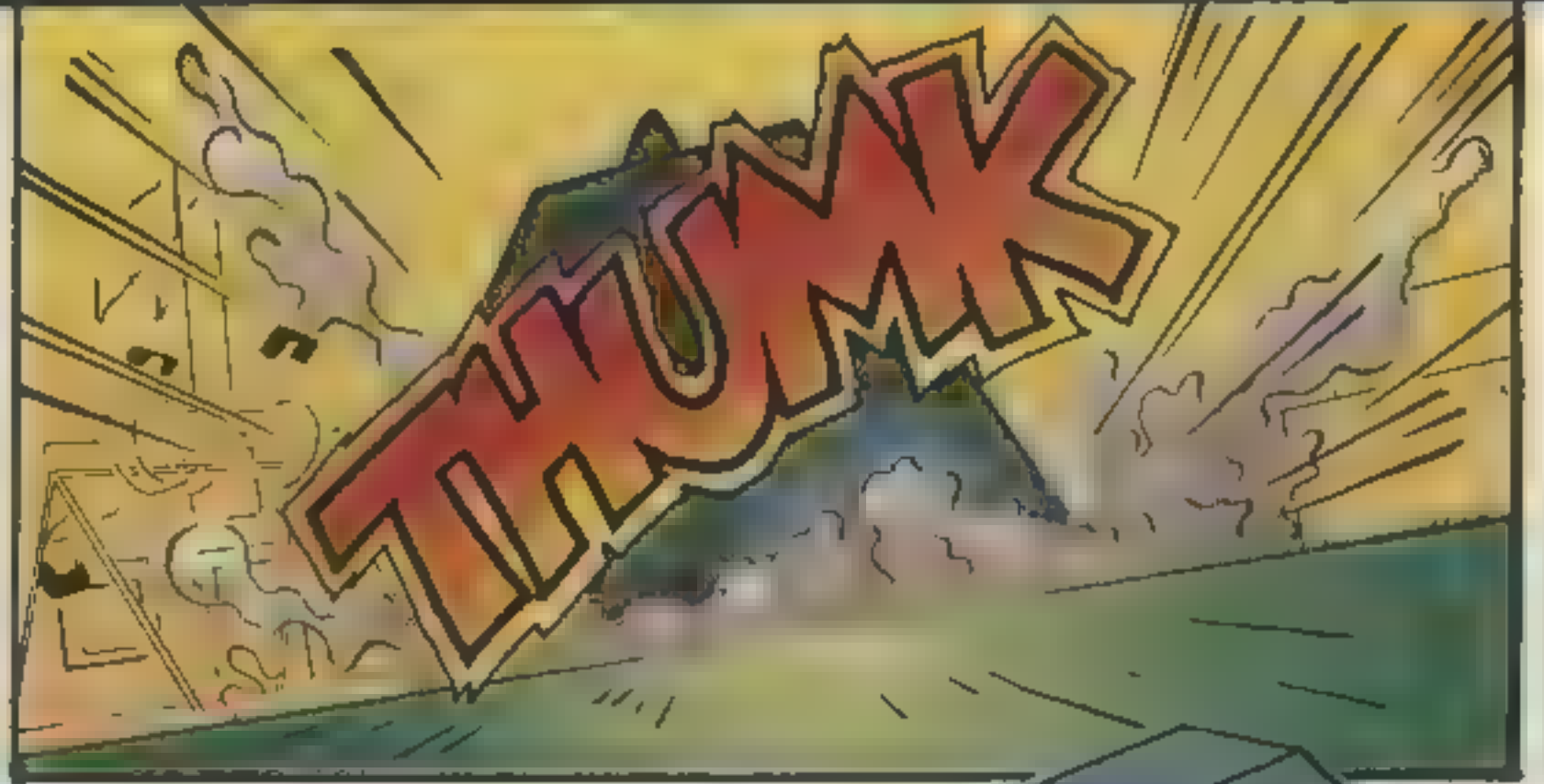
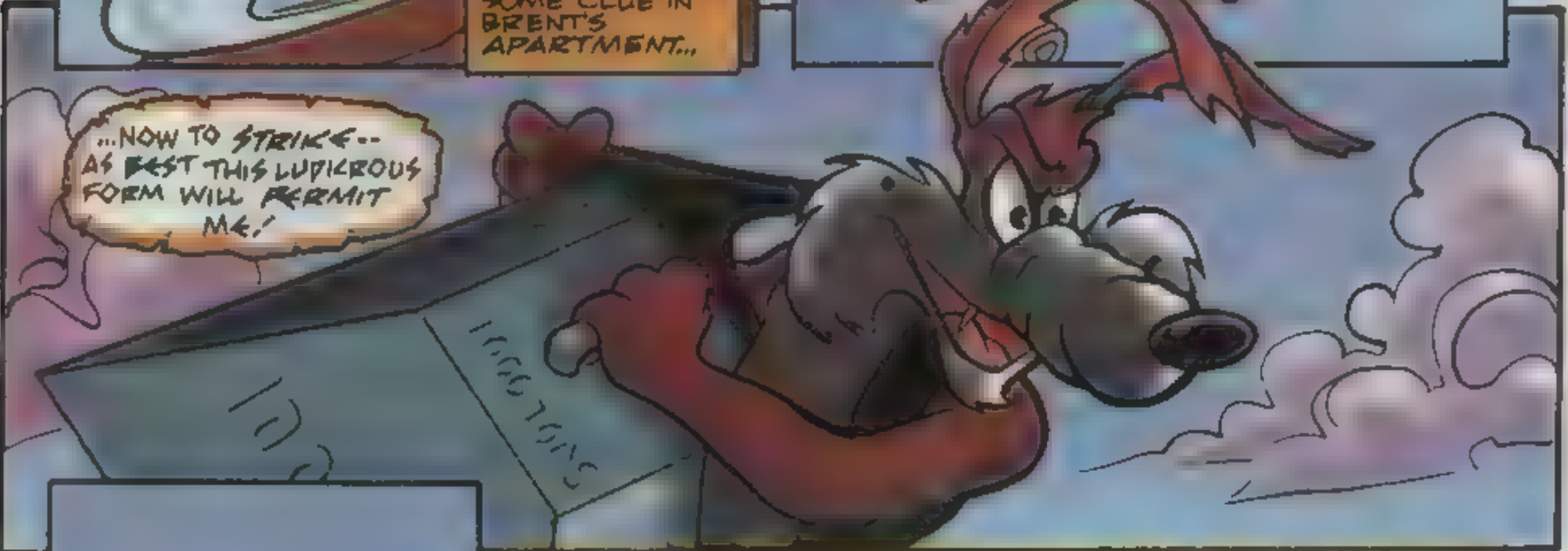
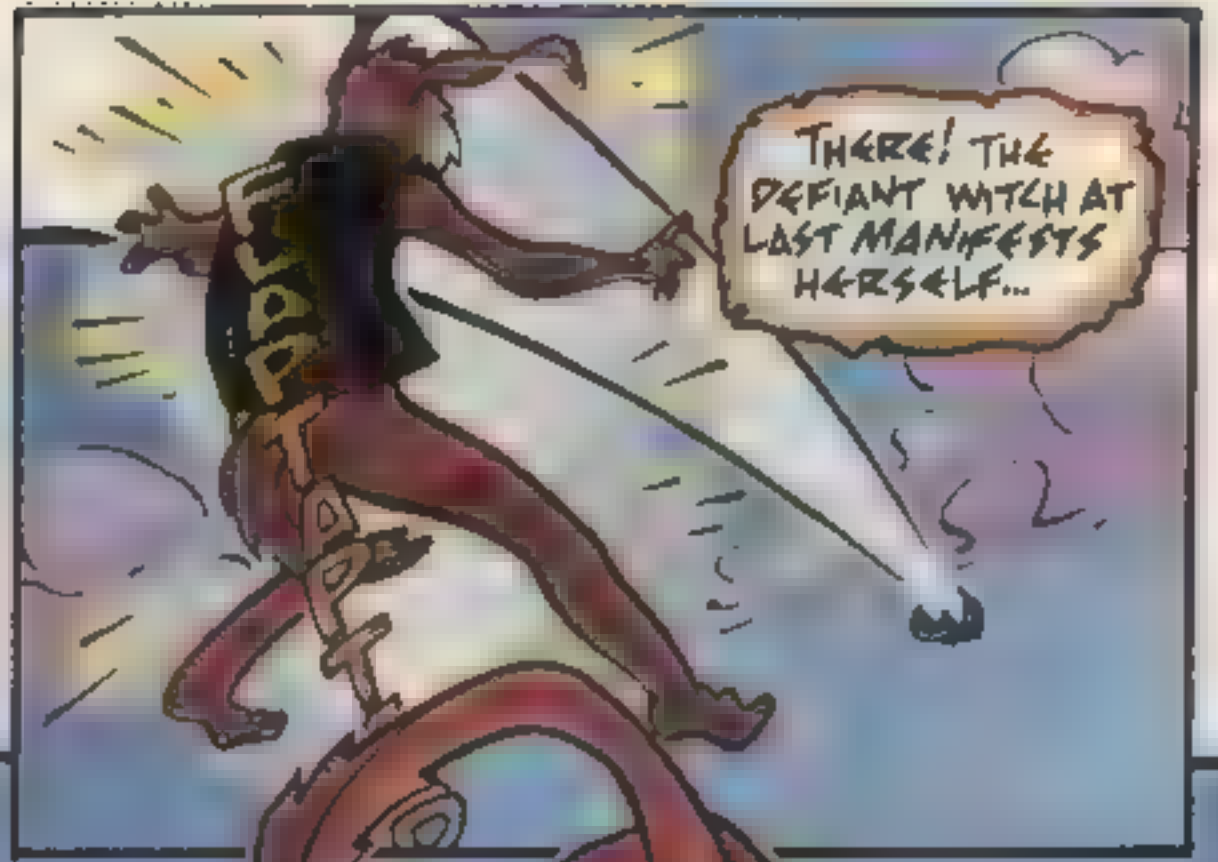
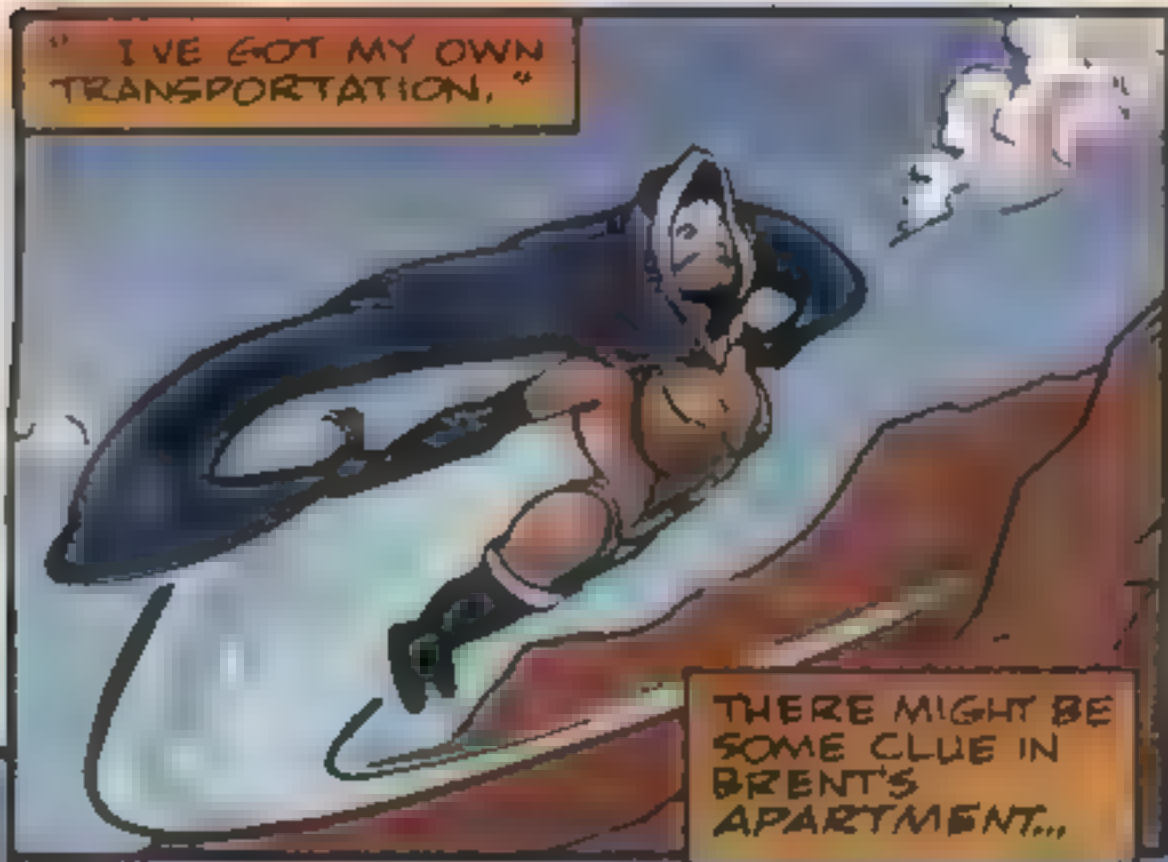
SINCE
YESTERDAY.
NAME'S BRENT
MAXWELL, HE
WAS A SUICIDE.
SORRY, IF YOU
KNEW HIM.

DID I? BRENT WAS
THE LAST MAN EDEN
WAS WITH BEFORE
I BECAME HER...

BUT BRENT AMBUSHED ME AS
MANTRA, AND I WOKE UP BONE-
YARD'S PRISONER * HE KNEW I
WAS REALLY LUKAGZ. I HADN'T
HAD A CHANCE TO QUESTION HIM
SINCE GETTING BACK. I NEVER
WOULD.

MARLA... I HAVE
TO GO. I'M SORRY.
HERE, TAKE MY
CAR...

3 SNEE
BUT,
EDEN...

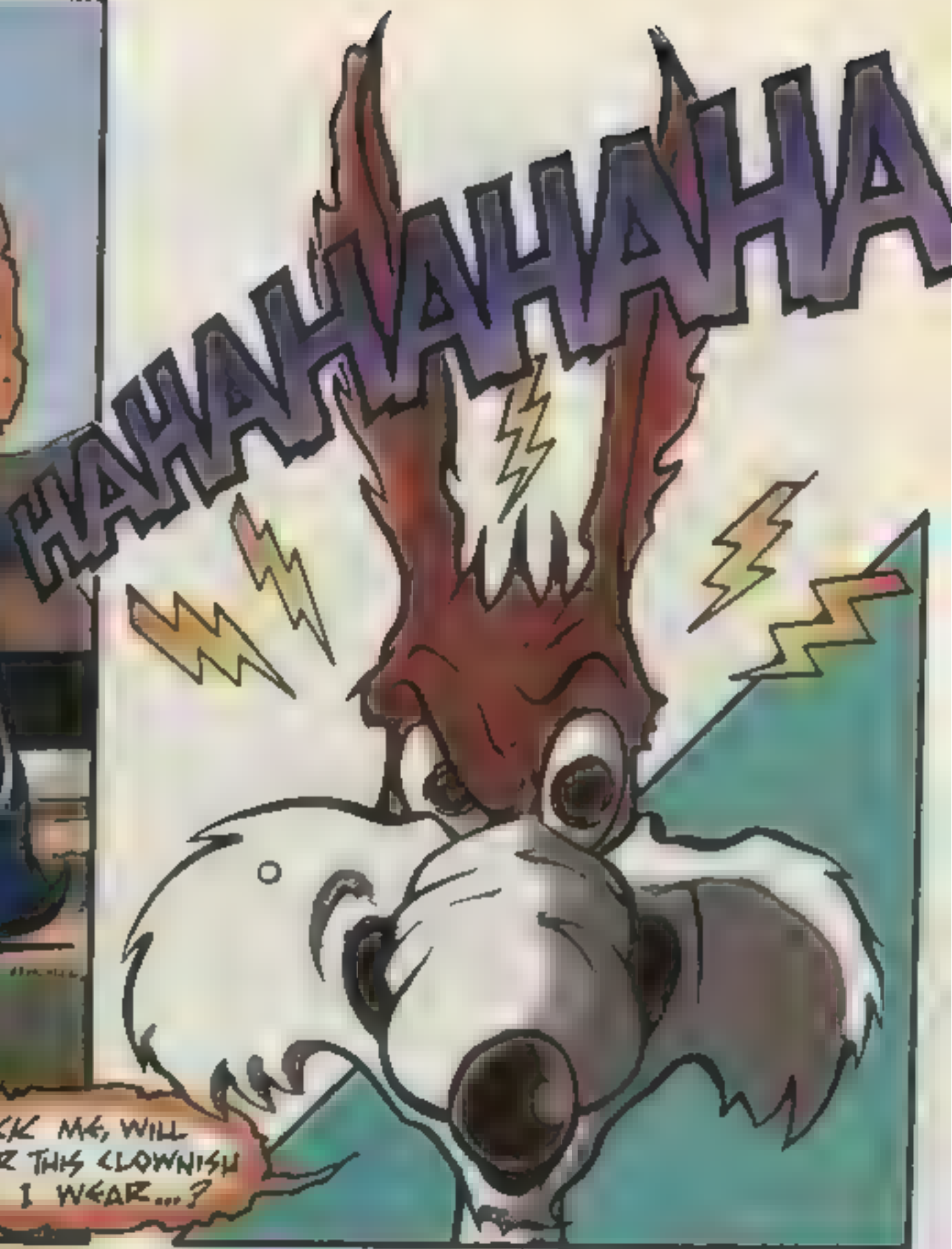




IT IS I, SORCERESS!
A DEMON
FROM THE REALM
OF MASTER
BONEYARD, SENT
TO LOWER YOU..
BEFORE
SLAYING YOU!

A...
DEMON...?

MOCK ME, WILL
YOU, FOR THIS CLOWNISH
FORM I WEAR...?



HAHAHAHAHAHA



...AT LEAST I
SHALL SURVIVE
THIS
ENCOUNTER!

YEAH, BUT
YOU'LL
STILL BE A
CARTOON...

...AND I'LL STILL BE A WOMAN!
HE WAS AS HUMILIATED BY HIS
BODY AS I WAS BY MINE! WE
HAD THAT MUCH IN COMMON...



...BUT HE WORKED FOR BONEYARD,
THAT MADE US FOES.

HEY, IT'S
MANTRA! AND
WILEY WOLF!

WILEY
WOLF'S A
CARTOON!

I THOUGHT
THEY WERE
BOTH
CARTOONS!

MANTRA...!



AH, HATCHLINGS! FEMALES ARE TYPICALLY PROTECTIVE OF THIS TYPE!

HE'S LIKE A REAL CARTOON... KINDA.

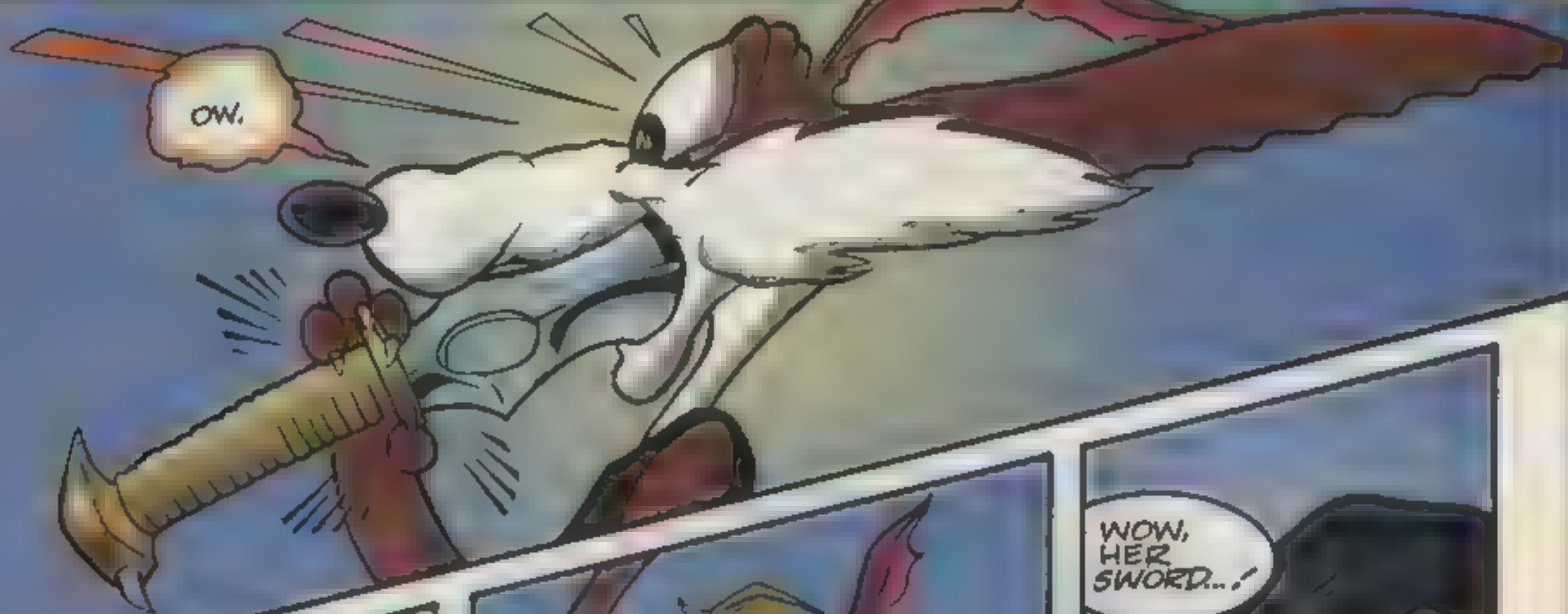
BUT HE'S SCARY!

MANTRA'LL SAVE US!

THIS IS EVIE'S SCHOOL.

HEY, CARTOON-BOY-- CATCH!

EH? WHAT IS THIS TRINKET--?



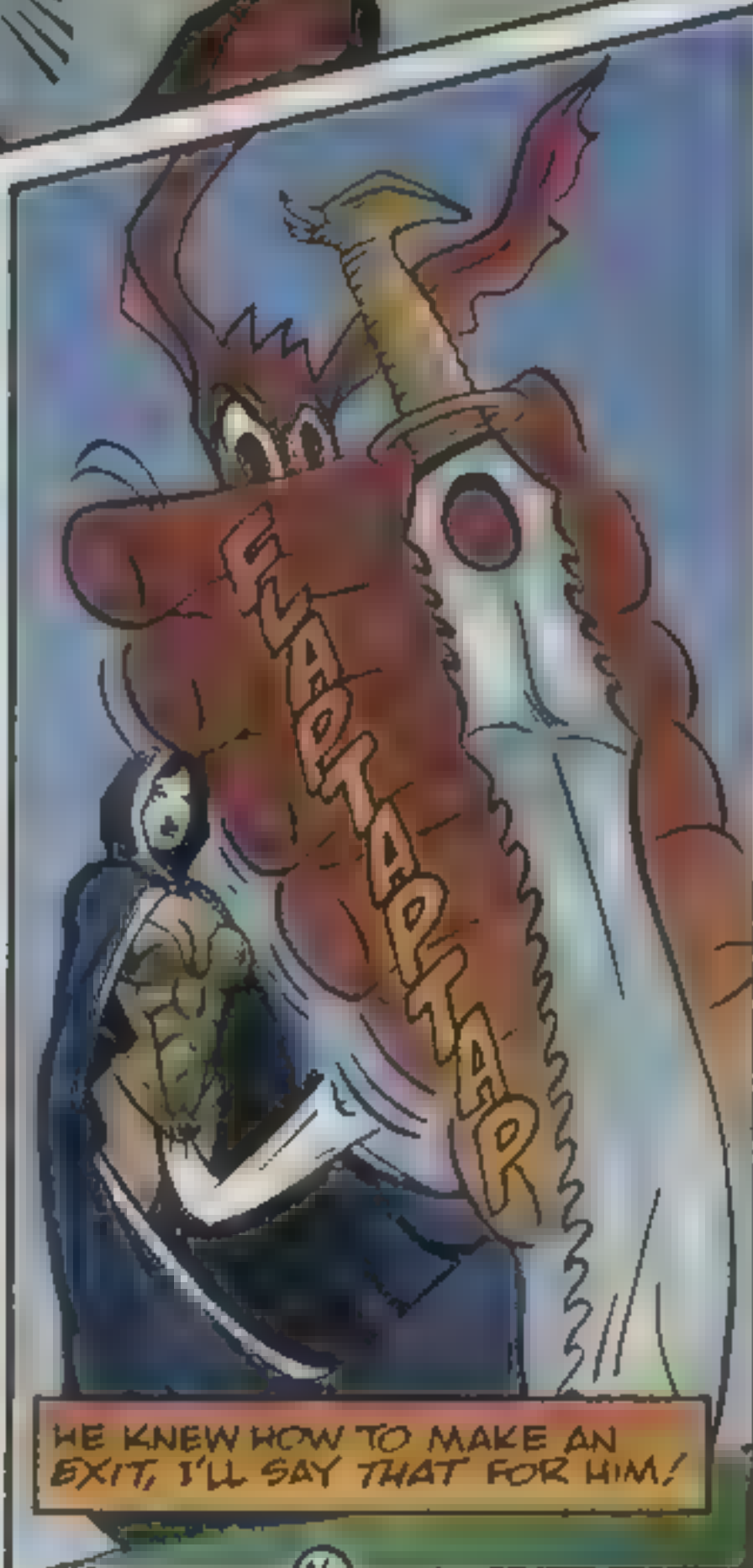
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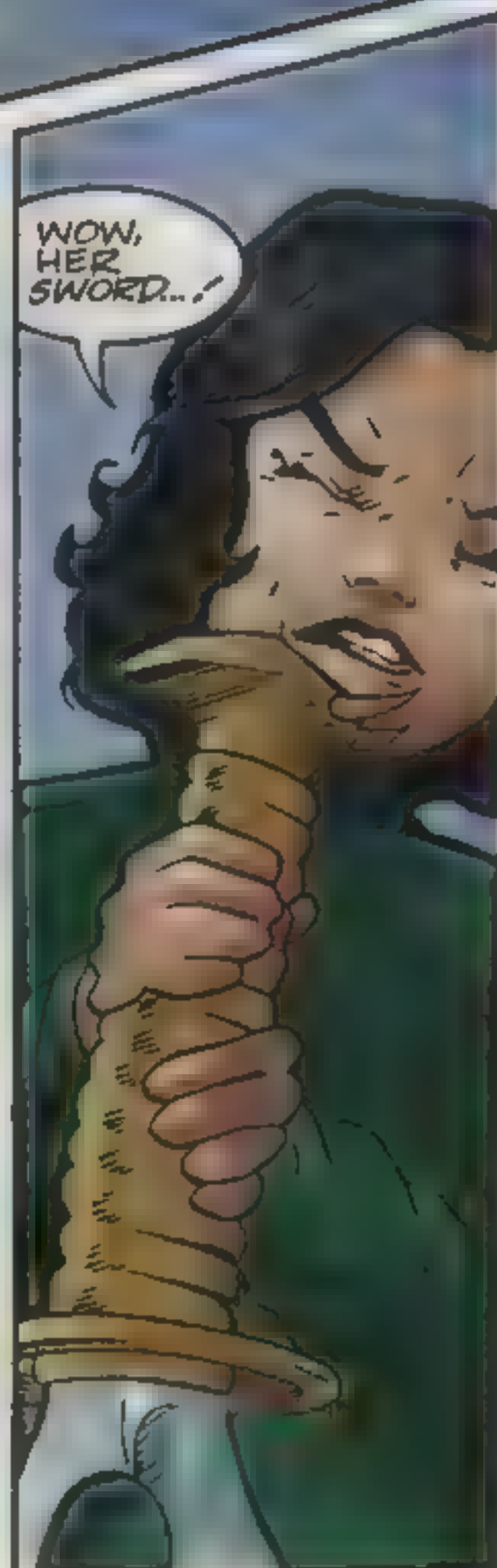
I WAS A FOOL TO HAVE CHALLENGED YOU HERE, MANTRA! ONLY IN MY REALM WILL I BE VICTORIOUS!

WHEN YOU MANIFEST YOURSELF AGAIN, I WILL RETURN!

"HIS" REALM? BONEYARD'S DIMENSION?



WE KNEW HOW TO MAKE AN EXIT, I'LL SAY THAT FOR HIM!



WOW, HER SWORD...!



I'll take that, Evie!

MANTRA? HOW D'YOU KNOW MY NAME?

COPS.



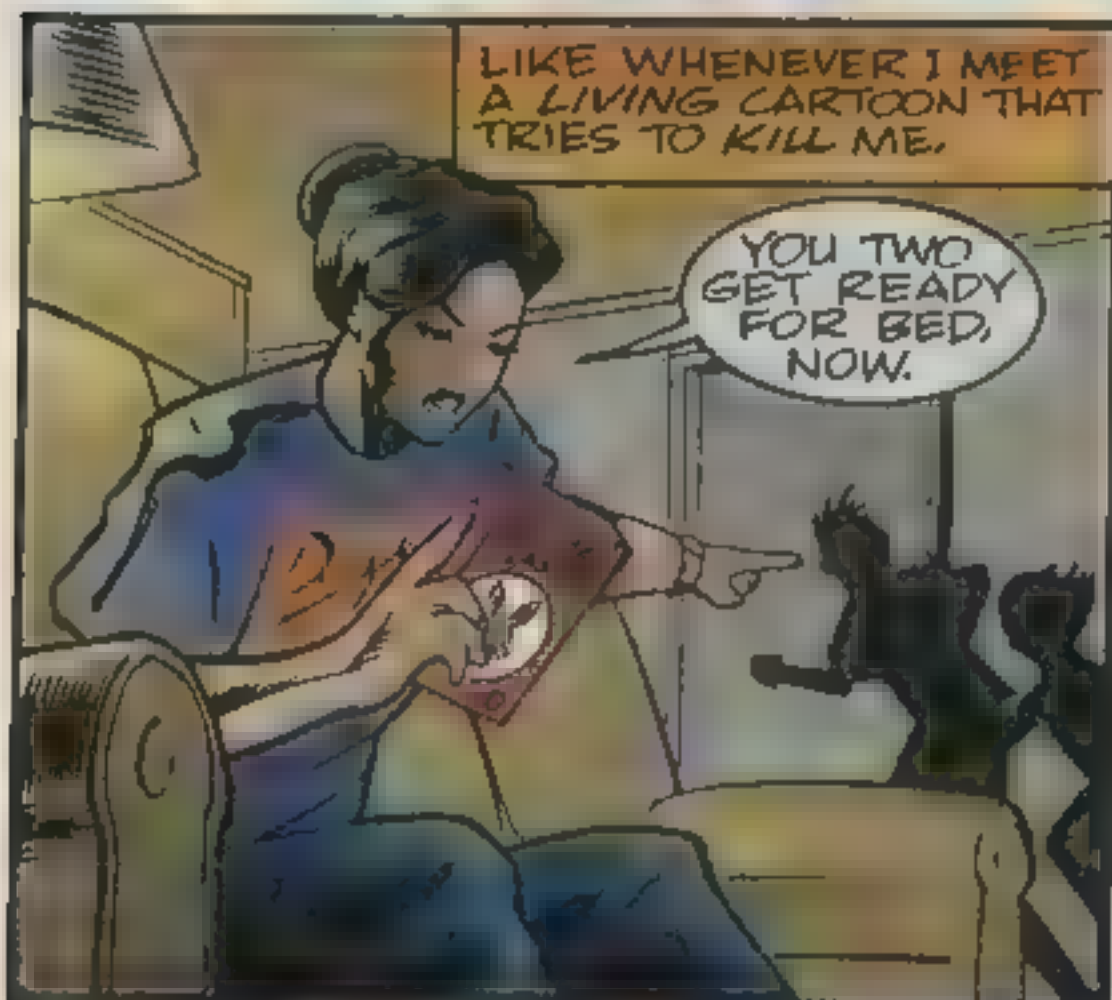
I KNOW A LOT-- THAT'S WHY I'M MANTRA. YOU BE A GOOD GIRL, OKAY?

OKAY! COME TO MY HOUSE, SOMEDAY!



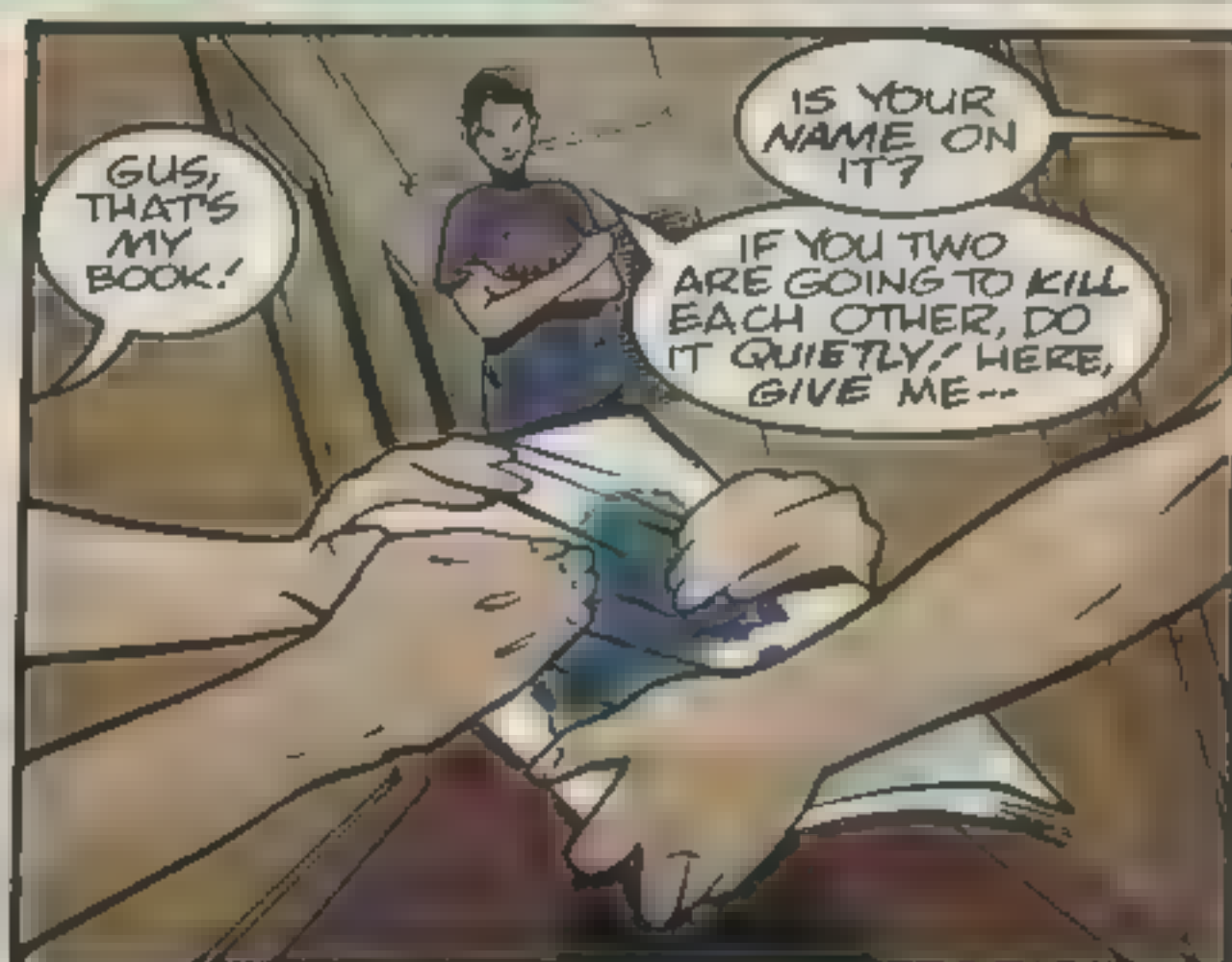
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU LIKED CARTOONS, MOMMY!

WELL... ONCE IN A WHILE, I DO.



LIKE WHENEVER I MEET A LIVING CARTOON THAT TRIES TO KILL ME.

YOU TWO GET READY FOR BED, NOW.



GUS, THAT'S MY BOOK!

IS YOUR NAME ON IT?

IF YOU TWO ARE GOING TO KILL EACH OTHER, DO IT QUIETLY, HERE, GIVE ME--



EVIE, WHERE DID YOU GET THIS?

I BOUGHT IT! IT'S GOT MANTRA IN IT! GUS TOOK IT!

DID NOT!

